

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Fifth Essex Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.

Residents of Fifth Essex Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (962) of these admissions reside in the Fifth Essex Representative District. 5% (44) of admissions from the Fifth Essex Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Fifth Essex Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 67% were male and 33% were female.
- 57% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 92% were white non-Latino, 1% were black non-Latino, 4% were Latino, and 2% were other racial categories.
- 63% were never married, 16% were married, and 21% reported not to be married now.
- 24% had less than high school education, 50% completed high school, and 26% had more than high school education.
- 36% were employed.
- 5% were homeless.
- 40% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Fifth Essex Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	45%	38%	6%	2%	1%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used FY 1995 – FY 2002							
Fifth Essex Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	731	543	245	216	164	352	281
FY '96	654	515	228	169	109	291	214
FY '97	844	642	313	195	102	339	247
FY '98	839	597	298	184	99	431	312
FY '99	916	692	344	207	90	440	342
FY '00	944	687	285	197	76	421	336
FY '01	891	631	261	155	49	393	279
FY '02	962	697	274	191	66	418	299